Recd March 13th Berlin
Ans — 24th
May 27

Cambridge Feb. 19th 1857

My Dear Engelmann

I ought to have written to you long ago, but both my wife and myself have been waiting for each other and for the convenient opportunity, and it no longer appears so easy to write to you as when you were at St. Louis.

I got your letters from N.Y. all and I got a set of proofs of Cactaceæ of Boundary; read them some 100 pages — asked for and got a revise of about half — was promised revise of the rest, but it never came. Of Cactaceæ U.S. of Pacific R.R. report or Whipple, I have heard nothing. It has not come to printer yet.

Torrey was with me when your letter, written on ship-board, came, giving us the news of your safe arrival (and I posted at once all your enclosures); that is the last I have heard of you. Nothing from Paris, from any body, about you. No acknowledgments from M. Delessert, which I am surprised at.

The corrections & additions for Cactaceæ were attended to. They are now in the printers hand, I expect soon to get proofs & will have some extra shots secured.

Many thanks for the impressions of Euphorbia. I trust you will complete your elaboration at Berlin, & at Kew (where Hooker says they shall be most glad to see you)

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I have been working away, but have not brought anything important to pass — have been finishing up odd jobs and ends of things.

Wright is doing pretty well in Cuba — has found a compatriot (a Yankee) who owns a good plantation on the mountains near St. Iago — and is hospitably entertained. He tells me to tell you that there are plenty of bacti in Cuba; but he has not seen one in flower yet. It is dry season now.

I got yesterday a long and pleasant letter from Hendon. Just as he got his still completed spirits rose so much in price that he can do nothing with spirits gas. — So he sticks to botanizing — has been collecting in a lower country, and has great success; finds lots of plants he had not before, especially Ferns, which he pays particular attention to. He writes in very good spirits, & his letter is very interesting.

Prof. J. Hyman, with a pupil, has just sailed for Surinam to collect zoological specimens for a few months.

Agassiz's vol. I not out yet; but soon will be, they say.

I have just finished the study of a Japanese collection that has been lying almost a year untouched. It was pretty interesting. 20 or 30 n. sp. and one well-marked new genus, near to Chlorantheus in affinity. A goodly number of species same as of N. W. America; and

a few days as of E. N. America!

Now, Good bye — All prosperity attend you. Remember me kindly to Prof. Braun — Best regards to Mrs. Engelmann & Gage. Work hard — but take good care of yourself, and come back safe and sound.

Poor Prof. Bailey I fear is only just alive — some time ago — when he was pretty well, an Army officer sent him a lot of dried plants to report on which mine collected by your brother. He wrote to offer them to me, & in him they must be kept untouched till you return & then put in your hands & to write and tell the officer that. I have not heard further. The most news I had was intelligence via Nashville that Bailey was very ill, and not expected to recover. —

Yours ever

Asa Gray

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Recd Aug 9th at Kew

Cambridge 28th June 1857

My Dear Engelmann

I believe I have a former letter from you unanswered, before that of 27th May from Berlin. — But really I cannot probe deeply enough down into the heaped tray of letters unanswered to find it. There are at least 50 letters I ought to write. — but I am so worked up — mostly with college work — with printing revised, of Bot. Text Book, &c — &c. &c — that I can only answer from day to day the most pressing letters. — ~~those~~ Those once laid aside for a more convenient opportunity, are as good as lost. And I have my venerable mother and two Aunts now here, and have to look after them what time I can get. After the 10th of July, I hope to have a chance to clear up things, and bring my correspondence into order.

Well. I can well imagine the life you must have led in Berlin, and the hard work you have done. — You will find plenty more to do at Kew, — where you will find a hearty welcome — Sir Wm did not know where to address you,

or you would buy a gr head from him. I am glad you have done up Buscuta, and am thankful for the names of Wights, &c. But hang Grammica. When you get away from the hair-splitting Germans, in England or U. S. we will try to persuade you to leave so natural a genus as Buscuta intact. At least let me beg you to arrange the nomenclature in such a way that your specific names shall hold under Buscuta: for I suspect I shall be obstinate and old-fashioned enough to write 'Buscuta (Grammica) Grownii' &c — all my life.

Bentham, whose sound judgment is unsurpassed, you will miss, unless you see him in Paris, & he remains on the Continent till autumn. But consult Dr Hooker on the point. His views, Bentham's & mine as to limitation of genera, are well in accord.

With in Buscuta and in Euphorbia you will find much to do at Kew. I think this letter will find you there.

Your letter for Wight I shall keep, for him, as he will ~~soon be~~ be leaving Cuba about these days. He has

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been sending live Cacti, with other things to Hooker. I fear he will send them too fresh and green and they will rot.

I am glad to hear such pleasant news of the Braunns. We entertain a pleasant remembrance and a great regard for them. What you said of Klotzsch's health distresses me. The plants gathered by your brother are safe in my attic: and you shall have a good share of them.

The cheaper ed. of Manual merely has the Musci & Hepaticæ left out, and a few errors corrected on the plates, such as could be done without much difficulty. I shall leave the thorough revision of the book till after your return, and till Cusent a. Sagittaria. Sparganium &c. are settled; - when, if you please we can give those pages anew.

The Botany of Whipple's Report has been printed, but the plates are not yet out. I saw proofs of a part only: they went to Torrey. No Cactus-matter has been seen by me. I think it is not yet printed. But Prestele sent me some of the proofs of your Cactus plates - well done, on the whole. I will send them to you, & I hope Torrey will have the plates &c of the general Botany of Whipple's Report. So that I can put in to a box I mean to send to Hooker a fortnight hence.

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It is very long since I heard from Fendler. Torrey has by this time nearly got through with the Mexican Boundary Botany, I think. I have been unable to assist him much except by taking the Compositae & the Scrophulariaceae.

We are pretty well. Asaph & Mrs. A were delighted to hear from you. Ida has gone to Switzerland via Paris, with Dr. & Mrs. Holbrook. Poor Mr. Carter has lost the sight of one eye and came very near losing the other. Gladiastis is splendidly in bloom – a mass of white flowers on a ground of delicate green. And we are to have a new green-house this year, I think.

I will ask Torrey to let you know about the Cactae of Boundary & R. R. Expeditions –

In England you seem much nearer to us, and I will write to you oftener.

My wife sends her love to Mrs. Engelmann & would be glad to hear again from her. She sends best regards to you & to George. – My warm good wishes to you all.

Ever, dear Engelmann
Your attached

A. Gray

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Acc^d Kew Aug 12

Cambridge 28th July 1859

My Dear Engelmann

The first of 27th May from Berlin came duly, and I answered it June 28. which letter you will have received at Stockers.

Yesterday came your welcome letter from Paris July 7th and I write a hasty line to save this mail & reach you at Kew. Many thanks for all you tell me. For myself I have done nothing but teach & write elementary books & am now re-editing Bot. Text-Book — tedious work. Oh that I was with you!

I am glad you met Anderson. I like him vastly by his letters, and his writings, and am going to correspond

I hear nothing of Frecult. I wish I could. I think he always looked on both of us as good friends, and would communicate if in the U.S. I would do anything for him. For I think much of this work. I cannot learn from any one whether your Miss. Whipple has been printed or not. All I know is that I never have had a proof sent me of it. I am afraid Parry has licked it up. but I hope it is not printed. Parry was sending to Stokes, and I begged him to send on Postels Cactus plates, to you, and I hope he has —

Strange that Irving does not answer letters. I forward your letter to him,

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with an exhortation!

You will enjoy Kew, and the Hookers!

I have taken steps to ensure the certain delivery of Humboldt's letter,

My wife sends her love to Mrs. Engelmann & Sarge (in which I beg to join), and kindest regards to you.

Ever Yours

A. Gray

When do you expect to return?

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Ans Munich Nov 10 Dec 29

Cambridge, Sept. 8, 1857

Deutschmann?

My Dear E.,

Yours of Aug. 25 came this morning. Peirce goes home in steamer to-morrow, and I am hard at work in writing letters, &c — I take (under cover to Walker) this to you — also a copy of letter-press of Horticulturist Whipple, for Walker to post to you at Frankfort. I have not added Bigelow's antecedent twaddle, but when the essay came if the whole letter-press — now on the way from Washington — I will send by post. Then, Peirce steamer. The whole concern.

I wrote to you at Kew that lately, to Torrey, and my surprise, we heard for

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the first time that your matter had all been printed off before Lewis, and without sending any proofs to him or me, this must have been done purposely, by Bigelow; — lest we should prune him down a little.

Well, as to typography — it is bad enough, — i.e. rather bad; but, for your comfort no worse than all Lewis's, of which he saw proofs, and even I a few. — But half the time the printers either omitted to notice our marks, or else mistook them, and made them worse than before. — So you are as

pull off as the rest of us —

Whether Riefler or anyone secured extra copies for you is more than I know.

But Torrey tells me that his 150 copies include your Cactacea — for I have asked him to have from the stones 150 copies of the Cactacea plates struck, to put with these copies — to ~~put~~ divide them all into three sets of 50 each, one for Torrey — one for you & one for myself. — and I am to pay for your part as well as for mine. — That will do.

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will it not? That is, besides the 100 copies of the Bot. Report to be distributed among Botanists by Torrey & myself, you will have 50 copies for your particular distribution.

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Also I have asked the stereos to be kept till you are heard from. Let me know if you want any more, or suggest corrections to stereos — or if all shall await your return next spring, when we may find some way of reprinting the letter-press if you think it best.

Let me know what shall be done.

I am most glad you like the Woodbury, also that you will give up Brauna mica, etc — in compliance with Wooster's advice, tho' you would not to mine.

Seemann is here, waiting; and interrupts me. So I must close. Very warm regards to Mrs. Engelmann

Ever yours A Gray.

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Rec'd ~~xmy~~ 20 Nov.
Ans Vienna Dec 29

Cambridge Oct. 28. 1857

My Dear Dr. Engelmann.

Where are you? and how are you? I have not heard from you since you left England, and I write you last.

I have little now to say. I am still at a loss to know if Bigelow has secured for you a supply of copies of his & your Cactaceous report in Whipple but I hope Dr. as Torrey's extra ed. does not include that, I find. I have written to Bigelow long ago to ask, but he does not make me any reply. Meanwhile Torrey is to have a set of plates for you which will be better than ~~Whipples~~ Bigelows anyway, because from the stones direct, not from transfers.

Torrey is slow, and a poor correspondent. I do not yet know if he has got the plates from Paris. I have all along urged him to write you, & I hope he has —

No news here, except commercial

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crashes. Nearly all my little accumulation was in manufacturing stocks — with little more — and about half of what I had is lost utterly!

Some failures and much hard times in St. Louis; but I hope you are not a sufferer. Land is there yet, — and depreciation of real estate will be only temporary.

When Jerry has plates of Mipphlepis Cactacea struck off for you, I am to pay for them.

I have $31.30 for you in my hands, the proceeds of a set of Lindheimer plants bought by Buckley.

Per contra — Might is back from Cuba — and I

have taken for you one of his 13 sets of dried plants — a set in which I have been careful to have all the Euphorbiae, Loranthaceae, & Cuscuta, etc — Cart?

This set runs to 618 specimens, and, if you say so, I shall pay Wright for it $61 $\frac{50}{100}$.

Grisebach has the fullest set — of 986 species, and has engaged to name the plants this winter. — This will add much to the value.

I had a letter from Fendler who is having rather hard times. I sent it to Short, who has offered to advance him $200 or more, if Fendler chooses to take it and use in collecting. —

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We are pretty well here — but sad. B. H. Mills & Co's failure involves that of Mrs Sparks brother in law, Jackson, who has lost all. And it greatly damages Mr. Loring and both of Mrs. Sparks brothers.

But there is no use in writing to you doleful news.

Ever yours cordially

Asa Gray

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